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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
Directorate of Intelligence
12 June 1967

INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Arab-Israeli Situation Report
(As of 11:00 a.m. EDT)

1. The ceasefire appears to be still generally effective but Israel radio reports scattered firing along the ceasefire lines, primarily on the Jordanian front where pockets of Arab troops were bypassed in the rapid Israeli advance.

2. Israel is replenishing its army with equipment captured in last weeks fighting. Press reports say that some American-made Patton tanks captured from the Jordanians have already been integrated into the Israeli army and the Israelis claim to have captured 300 tanks from the Egyptians that are suitable for reactivation.

3. According to Cairo radio consultations are now going on for the convening of an emergency Arab summit meeting. Ismail al Azhari, Chairman of the Sudanese Sovereignty Council, is said to be in contact with Nasir on the meeting which will be held either in Khartoum or Algiers.

4. Tunisia and the UAR have re-established diplomatic relations. The two countries broke relations last October in a dispute over the problem of Palestine and Egypt's domination of the Arab League.

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6. The banks in Lebanon have reopened this morning with no serious runs being experienced.

7. All scheduled evacuation plans for Americans in the Middle East have been completed. Some 26,363 persons have been evacuated, or have otherwise departed, from 15 countries since the crisis began. An airlift capability of approximately 1,100 seats is being held on short notice alert at three nearby air bases to support any future emergency evacuation requirements. Commercial air service has been restored in Middle East countries with the exception of Syria, Jordan, Iraq and Libya.

8. There has been a partial return of the work force at Kuwait oil installations, but many workers who were preparing to board buses to go to work were persuaded by union agitators to stay away. The government has assured the Kuwait Oil Company that the work force would return, but has been unwilling to declare martial law. The American embassy is convinced that only strong measures by the government will stop the strike, as the trade union actions appear to be a response to Cairo propaganda. Elsewhere in Kuwait, life has returned to a relative degree of normality, and there have been no recent demonstrations or incidents.

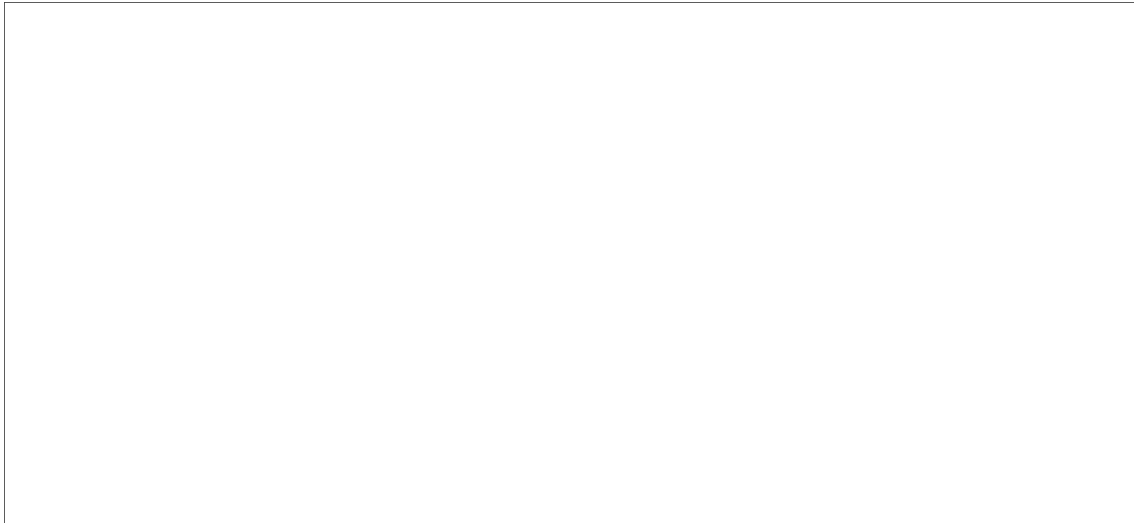
9. The Suez Canal has been blocked by the sinking of several small craft. [redacted] the canal could be cleared in 10 days, political conditions permitting. Ships presently trapped in the canal include 4 or 5 British and two Swedish vessels.

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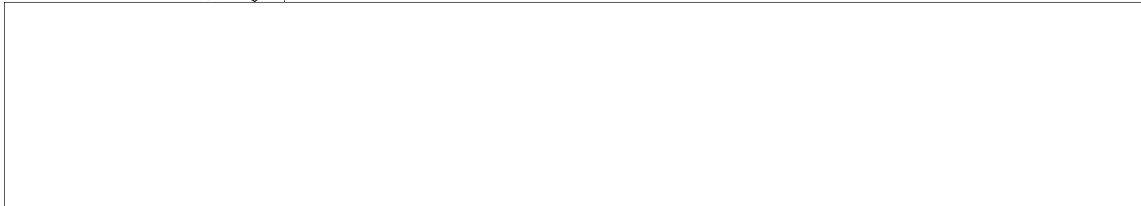
10. An official UK spokesman reported publicly today that the UAR has banned all British ships and aircraft from using its harbors and airports. A British ship enroute to Alexandria to evacuate British subjects was reportedly diverted as a result of this order.



12. Saudi King Faysal has launched a fund-raising campaign for the relief of Jordan, and the Saudi press is filled with praises of the courage and fortitude of the Jordanian army and the Jordanian people. There has been no mention of Syrian or Egyptian participation in the recent hostilities.

press comment emphasizes that the Arabs have no friends among the large "imperialist" powers, either eastern or western.

13. Algeria's Boumediene arrived in Moscow today to sound out the Soviets on their intentions toward the Middle East.



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(As of 4:30 p.m. EDT)

1. In Kuwait two pipelines belonging to Aminol, John Paul Getty's company, were blown up today. Aminol had continued production, while the other companies had ceased pumping. A strike by Kuwaiti oil workers continues. Minor terrorism is being carried out -- the setting of cars afire and telephone threats to British and Arab workers. The oil workers' union has restated its objective of ousting all foreigners in the oil installations from Kuwait. The position soon may be reached where only oil production will be for essential services, such as water distillation. Kuwait depends entirely on distilled water.

2. Libyan oil workers went on a week-long strike today against all US and UK oil companies, according to the Libyan News Agency.

3. TAPLINE, the oil pipeline from Saudi Arabia to Sidon, Lebanon -- which runs through Syria -- was not damaged in the fighting, according to TAPLINE officials in Beirut.

4. The Ruler of Qatar feels that for the present he cannot lift the ban on oil exports to the US and UK. He believes local anti-US-UK feeling is too high. Bahrain has also imposed the same ban.

5. Algeria today refused to allow a British methane tanker to load liquified gas, according to the Algerian Press Agency.

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9. Israeli Prime Minister Eshkol today told Parliament "Israel will not agree to revert to the situation which existed until a week ago. We have the right to establish what are our vital interests and how they can be secured." Eshkol criticized the UN's handling of the Arab-Israeli dispute over the past

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20 years, and indicated that any solution to the problem must now come through direct negotiations between Tel Aviv and the Arabs. He promised that Israel would observe the ceasefire.

10. Jerusalem is quiet today, except for some looting by Israeli soldiers. All shops remain closed. Bulldozers are busy leveling all the houses along the wailing wall to a depth of 100 yards. There are rumors that a new synagogue will be built on this site.

11. People are still seen walking along the main Jerusalem-Amman highway toward the East Bank, but just as many are walking in the other direction. Many Jordanian army vehicles are seen along the roads, about half of which appear still serviceable. Abandoned Jordanian army uniforms along the sides of the roads are not uncommon sights.

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